Concord Garden Club

The May meeting of The Concord Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. C. R. Carson. Mr. Carson and Mrs. M. M. Roberts were co-hostesses. Devotions for the meeting were presented by Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Donald Johnston reported on the Plant and Bake Sale of May 6. The response was good. Appreciation was shown for the cooperation of the members and the response of the public.

Three members toured the homes open in Lynchburg for Garden Week on Tuesday, April 25. They were Mrs. Kelly Webb, Mrs. Donald Johnston and Mrs. James F. MacKenzie.

The Westvaco Tour and picnic lunch of April 27 was reported as a delightful experience by those of this club who took part. Mrs. Donald Johnston, Mrs. M. M. Roberts and Mrs. Charles Graf joined the bus load at Ft. Hill Village. This tour was 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and supervised by The Cooperative Forest Management of The Westvaco Corporation in Appomattox. The group viewed The Irvine Tract in Bedford County and the special interest was Wildflowers Woodland.

Dr. Mae Kelly reported on the District meeting of April 20 in South Boston. She presented a certificate with the yellow ribbon to our president, Mrs. Kelly Webb, as a rating on the club's year book.

The next meeting is to be June 12 with Dr. Mae Kelly and Mrs. J. W. Pratt as hostesses and the time is set for 9:30 a.m. The group is to tour the Greenview Nursery on Leesville Road and Mrs. Ted Wiegand is to give instruction on Azalea Culture.

Mrs. Lottie Wooldridge, of Rustburg, conducted a most interesting workshop on corsage and table arrangements at the exhibits for the day were "May Basket" - Mrs. Donald Johnston-Blue; Mrs. J. W. Pratt, Red; Mrs. Kelly Webb, Red; Mrs. Harvey Hite, Red.

Specimen: Mrs. J. W. Pratt - Iris - Blue; Spirea - Blue; Collection (Pansies) - Blue.

Gladstone Rescue Marathon Saturday, May 27

On Saturday, May 27 "Uncle Joe" Johnson will conduct one of his famous fund raising marathon's for the Gladstone Rescue Squad.

Festivities will start at 9 a.m. and will continue until well into the night. There will be a big nine hour broadcast from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. over Radio Station W T T X F-M at 107 on your F-M Dial. There will be live music and entertainment all day long, games of fun for everyone will be set up outside all around the building and all across the lawn and plenty of good food and refreshments for everybody to enjoy.

For those who cannot attend special telephones will be installed so you can call in your pledges then mail your donation. All donations and pledges, whether called in or made in person will be announced over the broadcast just as soon as it is received.

Featured on the big broadcast along with "Uncle Joe" will "Chuck-A-Luck" Goodrich and Brother Flecher Hubbard from WTTX Radio in Appomattox. Everybody's invited to tune in an listen - The - Phone in AN Give.

Better still, come on out and enjoy the day with your family and friends.

Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission Sponsors Art Contest

BESSIE HASH - FIRST PLACE WINNER

DEE ANN WOOTEN - THIRD PLACE WINNER

CARMELLA BARNES - SECOND PLACE WINNER

On Sunday, May 14, 1978, the winners of the Art Contest sponsored by the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission were announced at the Spring Festival of Arts.

Bessie Hash, a senior at A.C.H.S., was the winner of $15.00, first place prize for her sculpture of R2-D2 who also made an appearance at the Band Concert, complete with blinking lights and a voice.

Carmella Barnes took the $10.00 for second with her series of pencil drawings. Dee Ann Wooten captured the $5.00 prize for third place with her creative macrame hanging, while David Harvey received honorable mention for his pastel of a still life.

The Commission Congratulates the winners and would like to express a special thanks to all those who participated and made the contest a success.

Federal Money Available To Aid In Transportation For Handicapped

More than half a million dollars in federal money is available for aiding transportation of the state's elderly and handicapped citizens in 1978-79, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation has been advised.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration has indicated that Virginia is eligible for up to $510,000 for aid to private, nonprofit firms providing such service. The money is for capital improvements only, not operating costs.

The grant from UMTA will be for 80 per cent of the total cost of equipment, with the individual applicants responsible for the other 20 per cent.

The Highway and Transporting Department in Virginia's administering agency to which the organizations submit proposals for service. The proposals are reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of representatives of state agencies involved with transportation activities for the elderly and handicapped.

The committee selects the projects from the nonprofit groups exhibiting the greatest needs for inclusion in the Highway and Transportation Department's fund applicaiton to UMTA.

David Berg, a transportation planning engineer for the department, said 43 private organizations are now operating 100 vehicles under the program, which will be entering its fourth year.

Organizations must submit their proposals to the Department of Highways and Transportation no later than Septembe 30. They may be sent to Berg at 1221 East Broad Street, Richmond 23219.

The department will submit to UMTA a fund request which includes the total requested in the approved proposals.

Previously approved UMTA grants total approximately $675,000, Berg said, with about $170,000 in local monies having been used to match the federal funds.

Transportation equipment requested under the program included station wagons, vans and small buses with or without wheelc h a i r accommodations, wheelchair lifts or ramps for existing vehicles, and two-way radio equipment. Competitive bidding is used for purchases.

Berg said 32 of the 100 vehicles now operating with funds from the program are wheelchair-equipped.

Mid-Year Farm Survey to Gauge 1978 Acreages and Livestock Numbers:

Changing farm policies and market situations, coupled with unrest among some producers, makes 1978 a pivotal year for agriculture.

Major questions concern just how many acres actually went into production this season and how many livestock are on hand. A nation-wide survey in late May and early June will develop estimates as guides to farmers in their marketings, and to commodity buyers, traders, and policymakers.

Earlier this year farmers reported plans to boost acreages going for soybeans, sorghum, and durum wheat while cutting back on corn, oats, barley, and cotton. A cattle count at the start of 1978 showed the third consecutive annual drop in the current cattle cycle. Spring hog numbers and farrowings barely matched year-earlier levels.

Robert E. Schooley of the Virginia Crop and Livestock Reporting Service cites the importance of producer cooperation in developing reliable current indications of acreages and livestock. Representatives from his staff will interview a cross-section of farmers and mail questionnaires to others to gather data for the estimates. Similar surveys will be carried on in all States.

Final national and State estimates will be published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Board. A report on 1978 spring planted acres will be available June 30, estimates of yield and production for major crops will follow July 11. Estimates of hog and pig numbers will be reported June 22, and cattle numbers July 26.

STATE WATER CONTROL BOARD ISSUES FLOOD INSURANCE

"It is important for businesses and residences in floodprone areas to purchase flood insurance as soon as possible before future flood losses occur," the State Water Control Board is reminding Virginians.

The State Water Control Board issued a press release March 14 warning of possible spring flooding due to storms and snow melt and suggesting that those residing in floodprone areas secure flood insurance.

"No one is able to predict when or where floods will occur," said R. V. Davis, executive secretary of the state water control agency which coordinates the flood insurance program in Virginia, "but recent studies and experiences have identified nearly all of the floodprone areas in Virginia."

About 20,000 flood insurance policies are in force statewide with coverage of almost $1 billion, but it is estimated that as many as 100,000 policies will be needed to cover all floodprone property in Virginia, the SWCB estimated. A preliminary survey in Roanoke showed that only 34 percent of homes and 60 percent of business property damaged by the April floods were covered by flood insurance.

However, there is a 15-day waiting period after applying before insurance coverage can be obtained, Davis warned. The policies are available from local insurance and property insurance agents. After flooding has occurred in an area, flood insurance is necessary before federal loans may be made for buying property there or constructing buildings.

"The quickest and surest form of relief from flood damage is through the National Flood Insurance Program," said Davis.

Mrs. Oliver's 4-H Meeting

Marie Doss opened the meeting. Then she called on Garry Long for the 4-H flag and Steven M. said the pledge to the American flag. Then we saw slides on the Dairy posters. Then Marie closed the meeting.

Diann Harvey, Reporter

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Capitol Comments

WASHINGTON, May 17 - Based on information we have obtained, the "domino" principle of communist totalitarianism in the Far East is no longer debatable. It is fact.

Consider Cambodia. For 22 years, beginning in 1953, it enjoyed freedom from domination by other nations. It was an independent country, and in an area in constant turmoil. It attempted to be neutral, until repeated incursions by the North Vietnamese led to its call for help. It must be said that Cambodia, to the extent it was an ally, was a reluctant one, prompted by self-interest, rather any belief in democracy. It must also be said that its government during this period was, by any measure applied, a corrupt one.

Having said these things, it must be further said that Cambodia's people do not deserve their present fate. For this country, which once was a prosperous producer of rice and timber, cattle and poultry, has entered a dark age which makes that suffered by Western Europe seem an almost benevolent time.

Cambodia's Communists have set out to completely destroy a culture, to erase all evidence and memory of a better time, and to impose instead a new breed. The words of a statistical source are chilling: "All previous information about the Cambodian economy and the operation of Cambodian society is either incorrect or irrelevant." Irrelevant. Right million people, to share the common goal of the human race that they might live out their days in peace, are now irrelevant.

Between 15 to 20 percent of the people are dead. All the political and military leaders of the former government were killed. Killed too were the civil servants. And the teachers and many of their students. Killed were the "intellectuals", those who are college-educated, the lawyers, even the doctors. Anyone who might resist the reign of terror was executed, sometimes in a most barbarous fashion.

Life in Cambodia now, or Democratic Kampuchea, as it apparently prefers it to be known, bears no resemblance to earlier times. Elementary schools have been opened in some villages, where language, geography, and a few other subjects are taught. Yet a reporter from Yugoslavia wrote: "While we walked through villages in the morning we would meet boys and girls with agricultural tools more often than with school bags." There are no high schools, no vocational schools, no universities.

Each adult officially receives about 600 pounds of rice a year which, if true, is almost what the allotment was in the pre-revolution period. Each Cambodian is issued one suit of cotton clothing a year, as well. There is no money in circulation; everything is acquired by barter or by government issue. A "newspaper" is printed by the government about three times a month. There is no communications system.

Families have been broken up. Cambodians are divided into units of 10 - one supervisor, three cells of three persons, each responsible for the behavior of the other two. People who deviate from "normal" behavior or who makes too many mistakes, are led away and not seen again.

And how has the world reacted? Freedom House, which monitors human rights throughout the world, filed an appeal with the United Nations. After three months, again applying its double standard, the UN rejected the appeal. In July, 1977, a House International Relations subcommitte investigated the matter, but conceded it had no authority to act. Recently the Scandinavian parties of Norway - but not the government - have invited testimony from refugees. Our own president has called the Cambodian government "the worst violator of human rights in the world today."

Cambodians were once a happy people, "gentle" they have been described. They wanted to be independent, and they wanted to be left alone. In the end, they lost their independence, their gentleness was beaten into subservience, but they are indeed left alone - alone to a fate no human being should suffer.

There is a lesson here for those who still believe that Communism by whatever name is just another political party.

DR. MITCHELL-BATEMAN

Dr. Mitchell - Bateman Will Speak at Meeting on Mental Health

Dr. Mildred Mitchell-Bateman of Hunting, West Virginia, a member of President Carter's Commission on Mental Health will be the featured speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Central Virginia."

Dr. Mitchell-Bateman is professor and Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, Marshall University School of Medicine, Huntington. She joined that faculty in July, 1977. Prior to that she was Director of the West Virginia Department of Mental Health for five years.

Dr. Mitchell-Bateman, a native of Georgia, received her education from Barber-Scotia Junior College, Concord, North Carolina; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina; Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania and the Menninger School of Psychiatry. Sh is certified by the America Board of Neurology and Psy atry.

In ado on to serving on the President's Commission on Mental Health, Dr. Mitchell-Bateman is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Menninger Foundaiton and numerous mental health committees across the country. She has been granted five honorary doctoral degrees including Doctorates of Science, Law and Public Administration. Dr. Mitchell-Bateman is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who of American Women.

Dr. Mitchell-Bateman's address will highlight the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Central Virginia Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Board (Chapter 10). The Board is composed of 15 members who represent the six sponsoring governmental jurisdicitons of Central Virginia's Planning District.

Officers of the Board are Mrs. Elaine C. Watson, Chairman, Lynchburg; Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Vice-Chairman, Appomattox; Mrs. Becky Hill, Secretary-Treasurer, Lynchburg. Other members of the Board are Mrs. J. R. Allen, Bedford County; Mr. Joseph M. Cobb, Jr., Appomattox County; Mr. James H. Melvin and Mr. William R. Moore, Campbell County; Mr. John D. Reichard and Miss Byrd Stone, Amherst County; Mrs. H. B. Larzelere, Mr. L. H. McCue, Jr., Mrs. Wistar Nelligan, and Dr. Elliott Shearer, Lynchburg; and Mr. Hubert A. Roberts and Mr. Phillip Wallace, Bedford County.

The public is invited to the dinner. Reservations at $5.00 per person must be made by Monday, May 15, with Mrs. Kay Terrell at 847-9091 or P. O. Box 2146, Lynchburg 24501.

American Cancer Society to Sponsor Seminar

"Challenges and Concerns of Cancer Nusing," a seminar designed to explore the various aspects of contemporary cancer management will be held Tuesday, May 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. The seminar, sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) School of Nursing, is open to all nurses, nursing students, and medical professionals concerned with the care of cancer patients.

Harold Carron, M.D., Director of the Department of Anesthesiology at the University of Virginia (U. Va.) in Charlottesville, will open the morning session with a presentation on pain control and management. Dr. Carron is affiliated with the pain control clinic in Charlottesville, one of approximately ten such clinics on the East Coast.

Josefina Magno, M.D., medical director of the Hospice of Northern Virginia and clinical associate with the Division of Medical Oncology, Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., will speak on the hospice concept. Dr. Magno has been extrevsively involved with several groups in Virginia who wish to establish hospices to provide care and comfort for terminally ill patients outside the typical hospital setting.

Also on the morning agenda will be a panel discussion on the interdisciplinary approach and the continuity of care. The speakers include a public health nurse, a minister, a social worker and a health care recipient.

Those attending the seminar will participate in two of four small group sessions being offered during the afternoon. Topics include "Nursing Responsibilities in Chemotheraphy," "Head and Neck Cancer," "Communicating with the Cancer Patient/Dealing with one's own feelings in working with Cancer Patients," and "Nutritional Consideration for Cancer Patients."

The registration fee of $10 includes lunch. Continuing Education Units (.5) will be awarded by MCV upon successful completion of the conference. A $1.00 charge for C.E.U.'s will be collected separately. More information may be obtained by contacting the ACS, Virginia Division at 3218 W. Cary St., Richmond, Virginia 23221 or Richmond area residents may call 359-0206; interested persons outside the Richmond dialing area may call toll-free 1-800-552-7996.

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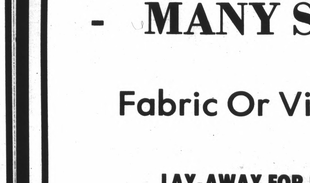

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Calvin Massie, Jr. of Concord (above) says that he sometimes gets "stared at" by passers-by who do a double-take when they think they recognize a famous face from the not-too-distant past - Clark Gable. Note that with the mustache, large hat - open collar - and a beautiful setting in Appomattox County, one might almost believe that Clark Gable has returned. Calvin attended high school in Appomattox County, was graduated from Rustburg High, has studied industrial engineering at VPI and is now a professional model for men's clothing in association with a Blacksburg, Virginia modeling agency.

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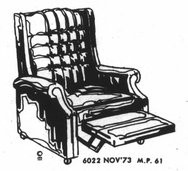

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